

# *Proclamation*

## *Presented*

### **In Recognition of the 4346<sup>th</sup> Korea National Day and 66<sup>th</sup> Armed Forces Day**

**WHEREAS**, Korea National Day commemorates the foundation of Gojoseon—the ancient Korean kingdom to which Korea traces its lineage—by Dangun in 2333 BC, who laid the foundation for not only the Korean nation but the great culture that endures in the many achievements of the Korean people around the world, including Hawai'i's 46,000 Korean residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Korean Armed Forces Day recognizes both the historical achievement of the Republic of Korea's armed forces crossing the 38<sup>th</sup> Parallel on October 1, 1950, and the founding of the Republic of Korea in 1948, as the Republic of Korea celebrates the 66<sup>th</sup> Korean Armed Forces Day on October 1, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Korean Armed Forces Day highlights the long history of support and cooperation consecrated by the Mutual Defense Treaty Between the United States and the Republic of Korea, signed on October 1, 1953 and reflecting the enduring strength of both the shared values of the United States and the Republic of Korea and a shared commitment to peace on the Korean Peninsula and throughout the Pacific via a robust defense posture; and


**WHEREAS**, Korean Armed Forces Day reminds us of the great contributions of the Republic of Korea's armed forces in uniting with other governments worldwide to defend freedom, including through United Nations-led Peacekeeping Operations—collaborations enhanced through participation in events such as RIMPAC in Hawai'i, the world's largest international maritime warfare exercise, which concluded its 24<sup>th</sup> exercise on August 1, 2014;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 1, 2014, as**

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in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in celebrating the vibrant culture and proud achievements of Koreans around the world and especially in Hawai'i, and recognizing the service and bravery of the Republic of Korea's Armed Forces as they stand in vigilance to ensure the safety and sovereignty of the Republic of Korea.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this thirtieth day of September, 2014.

  
NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

  
SHAN S. TSUTSUI  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i